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1. TEXT OF PRES/COUNCIL MEMO TO REPS RECEIVED  
THIS DATE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: SUBJECT: PROVISION OF AIR  
TRAFFIC SERVICES IN THE AIRSPACE OVER THE NORTH-EASTERN  
MEDITERRANEAN. ON 7 MARCH 1977 INFORMATION REACHED ME OF  
AN INTENDED UNILATERAL TAKEOVER FROM NICOSIA ACC ON 21  
MARCH 1977, BY TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES, OF THE PROVISION  
OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF FIR  
NICOSIA THROUGH THE CREATION OF WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS ERCAN  
ADVISORY AIRSPACE. THE INFORMATION WAS CONFIRMED FROM  
VARIOUS SOURCES IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE  
LATERAL LIMITS OF WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS ERCAN ADVISORY AIRSPACE  
ARE SHOWN AT ATTACHMENT A (MAP). APART FROM THE FACT THAT THE  
INTENDED ACTION WOULD DISREGARD THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL  
UNDER THE CONVENTION FOR ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
PROVISION OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES AS DETAILED IN THE REGIONAL  
AIR NAVIGATION PLAN, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IT WOULD ALSO  
JEOPARDIZE SAFETY OF LIFE IN THE AIRSPACE DIRECTLY CONCERNED,  
AS WELL AS IN THE AIRSPACE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO IT. IN THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES, I TELEPHONED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED  
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NATIONS ON 10 MARCH 1977 AND REQUESTED THAT HE CONVEY A MESSAGE  
TO THE PARTY INVOLVED IN THE CREATION OF THE ERCAN ADVISORY  
AIRSPACE EXPRESSING THE VIEWS SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING  
PARAGRAPH AS WELL AS MY SERIOUS CONCERN IN THIS REGARD. THE  
MESSAGE CULMINATED IN A STRONG APPEAL FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF  
THE INTENDED MEASURES. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS AGREED TO MY REQUEST, TRANSMITTING MY MESSAGE THROUGH

HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS. IN A FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF 16 MARCH 1977, I SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BE AUTHORIZED TO INDICATE, IF IT APPEARED DESIRABLE, THAT IF AN IMMEDIATE COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW THE MEASURES COULD NOT BE OBTAINED, AN UNDERTAKING TO POSTPONE THEM WOULD SERVE THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MORE TIME TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. ON 18 MARCH 1977, I SENT CABLES TO THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES OF CYPRUS, ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, GREECE, LEBANON AND TURKEY INFORMING THEM OF THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT CONTINUED TO APPLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISION OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES IN THE AREA AND OF THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES UNITS CONCERNED AND BY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA. THE TEXT OF THE CABLES IS AT ATTACHMENT B (MONTREAL 454). I INFORMED IATA AND IFALPA ACCORDINGLY. I ALSO CABLED THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF TURKEY APPEALING TO HIM TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES IN SUPPORT OF ICAO'S EFFORTS. ON 21 MARCH 1977, I RECEIVED A REPLY FROM THE PARTY INVOLVED, INFORMING ME THAT THE SERVICES OF THE ERCAN ADVISORY AIRSPACE ARE OF AN ADVISORY NATURE AND THEREFORE NOT COMPULSORY AND GIVING JUSTIFICATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ERCAN ADVISORY AIRSPACE. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS REPLY ARE UNDER STUDY AND I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. UNQUOTE.  
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